

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, January 5, 2004, at 3:00 p.m., the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman (via telephone; not present and voted only on item 276)
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Al Brogan, Robin McHugh

- (1) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Northwestern Energy Bankruptcy; Commissioner Jergeson moved to close the meeting because of litigation strategy. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- (2) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy - Employees Compensation Plan; Commissioner Rowe moved to file a limited objection plan to ensure no preclusion of PSC revenue requirement review, no preclusion of review required under financing order No. 6474a, Docket No. D2002.12.159, and opposing the plan except for the Group 2 employees. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3 to 1. Commissioner Schneider dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, January 6, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman, via telephone
Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

Commissioner Tom Schneider was not present.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt
Transportation/Centralized Services

(3) In the matter of TN2205: Edward Des Rosier dba Sun Tours, East Glacier Park, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9220 for a six month period, November 1, 2003 to May 1, 2004. Class B – Persons originating and terminating in Glacier County on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation to points in Glacier National Park, Flathead County, and the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.

Commissioner Rowe moved to suspend PSC No. 9220. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

(4) In the matter of the approval of the Commission Minutes; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the minutes for the weeks of December 22, 2003 and December 29, 2003. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

APPEARANCE

Dave Burchett
Utility Division

(5) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2003.18.122, Mountain Water Company's motion to suspend procedural order in annual power cost tracking adjustment docket;

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the motion to suspend the procedural order and instruct parties to either file a motion within the next 30 days for an amended procedural order or to report back on the status of the case. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(6) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of T-03.47.PCN, Donna S. Miller dba D & D Limousine:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to appoint Commissioner Brainard as contingent hearing examiner for the hearing on January 8 at Seeley Lake in the event of Commissioner Rowe's absence. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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